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For the Children

Accomplishments of a Clever Chimpanzee.



Susie, a chimpanzee recently brought to this country by Professor Garner, eats her bread and milk with a spoon just like real children. She is very accomplished for a monkey, and the professor says she can talk and understands English. The professor has been making a study of the simian family for many years and knows a great deal about them. He says that Susie can distinguish red from blue and both colors from white and she understands about twenty words of English. "She is only about eight months old," said Professor Garner. "and I bought her when she was only five weeks old. I raised her like a baby on milk. She is the most intelligent ape I have so far found, and I can distinguish about twelve words of her own language and hope to be able to interpret them all before long."

"We Are Seven."

So said the little girl in Wordsworth's well known poem. Many things, if they could speak, might make the same answer—the days of the week, for example, the notes of the musical scale, the colors of the rainbow. The Germans say that "all good things are three," but seven also is certainly a remarkable and distinguished number. There were said to be seven kings of Rome and seven sages of Greece. In ancient times men said that there were seven wonders of the world, but we have more than seven now. Those "wonders" of antiquity were the Colossus of Rhodes (a huge statue striding across the entrance to the harbor of Rhodes), the pyramids, the Egyptian temple of Dendeara, the Mausoleum (or tomb) of King Mausolus, the remains of which are now in the British Museum), the hanging gardens of Babylon, the statue of Jupiter and the Pharos. The Colosseum, the catacombs, the Great wall of China, Stouchehenge, the leaning tower of Pisa, the porcelain tower of Nan-king and the mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople have been called "the seven wonders of history." There were seven famous cities of antiquity—Rome, Antioch, Nineveh, Babylon, Athens, Tyre and Carthage. Rome stood upon seven hills, and London city has seven hills also—Cornhill, Snow hill, Ludgate hill, Fish street hill, Bread street hill, Holborn hill and Tower hill.

They Didn't Bag the Birds.

Two New Jersey boys found a woodcock's nest with four eggs in it and laid a plan to capture a pair of woodcock as well as the eggs. John was going to place a bag over the female bird while she sat on her nest. Will was going to do the same to the male when he came to take his mate's place on the eggs, and then the boys intended to carry the nest and birds to the barn and see the birds raise their young. The boys found the female on the nest, and John was about to bag her when she shot into the brush so suddenly that two little fledglings fell out of the nest. John's shout of surprise brought Will to the spot, but before they could replace the birds the parent woodcocks came whirring through the bushes and darted at the intruders. They aimed at the boys' faces with their sharp bills, and the boys were incapable of defense. After trying in vain to shield themselves, they ran away in a panic. The next day they recovered their courage and stole up to the nest again, but found that the woodcocks had taken the little birds away.

Conundrums.

Why is a thunderstorm like an onion? Because it is peal on peal.
What did the potter say to the clay? Beware.

When is a fowl's neck like a bell? When it is rung for dinner.

What is the difference between a fool and a looking glass? A fool speaks without reflecting, and a looking glass reflects without speaking.

What is there that the fewer there are to guard it the safer it is? A secret.

A Rainy Day Game.

Lots of fun can be had with a peanut tournament. Have four people at each table and in the center of each table have a large bowl of peanuts and a pair of tongs, such as come in candy boxes. Each person must try to remove the peanuts one at a time without stirring the other nuts. At the end of twenty minutes a bell is rung, and the one having removed the largest number of peanuts is awarded a simple little prize.

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Astounding Record of Mrs. Fleming, Harvard's Famous Astronomer.

It is a curious fact that, although men have had the field of astronomy to themselves for ages, the world's champion discoverer of stars is a woman. This very considerable distinction belongs to Mrs. Williamina P. Fleming, curator of photographs at the Harvard observatory, who has just discovered a new star. It is the fifteenth to be found in the last twenty-five years, and nine of these were discovered by Mrs. Fleming from photographs.

Mrs. Fleming is the only woman whose name has ever appeared in the catalogue of Harvard university. In



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this record, with the names of former President Elliot, Professor Edward C. Pickering, director of the Harvard astronomical observatory, and many other names that stand for high attainment along various lines, that of Mrs. Fleming is written as curator of astronomical photographs.

"Who's Loony Now?"

One of the attractions at the recent Virginia state fair was John Armstrong Chaloner's pig, Prince Dolgorouki, that he has named after the royal Russian, to whom Mr. Chaloner ascribes the marital differences between his brother, Sheriff Bob Chanler, and his wife, Lina Cavallieri. In telling

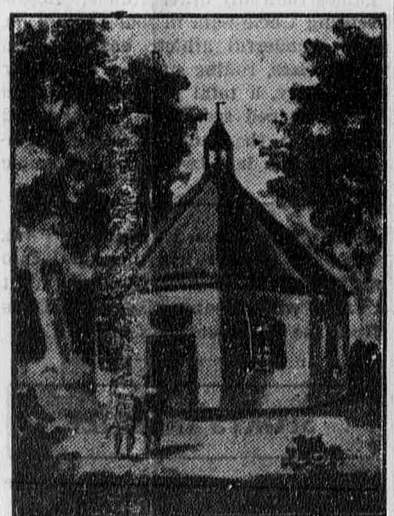
recently why he named his pig Dolgorouki Mr. Chaloner said: "I gave him that name in order to insult the prince. I have lived five years in Paris, and there and elsewhere on the continent to call a man a pig is to give him the deadliest insult known to the continental tongue. I desire to fasten a deadly insult upon this swagging, haughty, self sufficient noble for having the audacity to disregard the dignity of my father's name by breaking up his son's home." All of which makes pertinent that famous question, "Who's loony now?"

JERSEY'S CELEBRATION.

Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of State's First Settlement.

Too much cannot be said in praise of New Jersey's celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Bergen village, the first settlement on Jersey soil, for probably no better plan could have been devised for keeping alive the past and to awaken patriotism in the present generation by dwelling on the heroism and achievements of the state's pioneers.

Two hundred and fifty years ago a handful of Dutch settlers established themselves in a little stockaded village



NEW JERSEY'S FIRST CHURCH.

they called Bergen, just behind Communipaw. Today the site of this first permanent settlement in New Jersey is part of Jersey City, the residential center of a city of 300,000 inhabitants. Almost every vestige of the original settlement has been swept away, only a few old buildings and parts of others being left.

It was arranged for four separate important events to be commemorated in the celebration, for it marks not only the anniversary of the founding of Bergen, but also the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the first church in the state of New Jersey, the establishment of the first school in the state and the founding of the first permanent municipal organization in Jersey.

For the Children

General Baden-Powell, Founder of Boy Scouts.



Photo by American Press Association.

The boy and girl scouts of America will be glad to learn that Lieutenant General Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell of the British army, originator and founder of the scout movement, is soon to visit the United States. The general recently landed in Canada with sixteen boy scouts from England under command of Captain Arthur Wade. These boys are the pick of the English scouts and are experts in the work. They have been showing the Canadians how well they are drilled, and those who have seen them are full of praise. The boys will also give drills and demonstrations in this country. It being General Baden-Powell's idea to instruct the youth of America in the benefits of training along military lines.

An Impossible Story.

A certain king once made a proclamation that he would give a golden ball to any one of his subjects who would tell him the most wonderful story, but it must be quite impossible for the story to be true or the prize would not be given.

From all parts of the kingdom people came to him with remarkable stories, but the king declared that it was not quite possible for one and all of them to be true, and the prize was not awarded.

At last there came an old man, followed by two servants bearing an immense jar between them.

"May I please your majesty," said the old man, "your most excellent father borrowed from my father this jar full of gold, promising that your majesty would pay the same amount back to me."

"Oh, that is absurd and impossible!" said the astonished king as he looked at the huge jar.

"Then if it is impossible," said the old man, "I have fairly won the golden ball, but if my story be true your majesty ought to pay your father's debt."

Thus the king was obliged to declare that the old man had won the prize.

Conundrums.

Why is a nail fast in the wall like an old man? Because it is infirm.

How are all lawyers related? They are brothers-in-law.

What is the most popular paper at the summer resorts? Fly paper.

Why is the fly one of the grocer's best customers? Because it settles on the spot.

Why does an aeronaut dislike speaking about his trips? It is a soar point with him.

What is unable to think or speak, yet tells the truth to all the world? A pair of scales.

What country does a crying baby sigh for? More-rock-oh or Lap-land.

Why is a shabby coat like a man with insomnia? Because it has not had a nap for a long time.

She Beat the Boys.

There was a swimming match held in the river at Nottingham, England, not long ago in which fourteen boys and one girl participated. The prize was \$10, and it was won by the girl, who is the daughter of poor parents. The distance was three miles, and she beat the same boy by a number of yards. After she had won the prize she swam a mile farther to show what she could do. The boys of the world will have to kick out further and faster to keep up with the girls.

Points of the Compass.

A little girl had been told by her teacher to stand with her face north and her right hand would be at the east, her left hand would be at the west and her back would be at the south. Starting to go over it, the teacher asked, "Now tell me what is in front of you?"

After some thought the child replied, "My stomach."

News.

An old gnu asked a shy new gnu—"Twas on the plains, this interview—" "Oh, have you heard the news today?" "The new gnu trembled. "Where are they? Noise frightens me!" and fast he fled. The old gnu hoarsely laughed and said: "Well, if that isn't too absurd! I thought the meaning of that word 'Even a new gnu knew.'"

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